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SUBJECT: COMPLAINT BY GOODYEAR

1. A TOP OFFICIAL OF THE GOODYEAR TIRE COMPANY CALLED ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH LATE WEDNESDAY (JULY 31) TO REGISTER HIS POLITE, BUT FIRM, UNHAPPINESS AT WHAT HE CONSIDERED IMPROPER HANDLING BY US OFFICIALS OF TWO INCIDENTS INVOLVING GOODYEAR OPERATIONS IN ARGENTINA.

2. THE GOODYEAR OFFICIAL STATED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED WORD THAT US EMBASSY OFFICIALS IN BUENOS AIRES HAD GONE TO GOA OFFICIALS AND INFORMED THEM OF UNFAVORABLE USG DECISION ON ISSUANCE OF LICENSES TO SELL TIRES FOR VEHICLES PRODUCED BY NON-US AFFILIATED FIRMS FOR EXPORT TO CUBA. GOODYEAR FELT THIS INITIATIVE BY EMBASSY OFFICIALS WAS UNNECESSARY AND INAPPROPRIATE.

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3. ADDITIONALLY, GOODYEAR OFFICIAL EXPRESSED HIS

DISAPPOINTMENT THAT ACCORDING TO UPI STORY A STATE DEPARTMENT "SPOKESMAN" HAD SPECULATED ON THE REASONS FOR THE RESIGNATIONS OF THREE GOODYEAR OFFICIALS IN ARGENTINA. HE ALSO THOUGHT THIS INAPPROPRIATE AND THOUGHT SUCH A QUESTION SHOULD HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE INDIVIDUALS THEMSELVES OR TO GOODYEAR AS THEIR EMPLOYER.

4. THE GOODYEAR OFFICIAL SAID HE FELT IT WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF ALL CONCERNED IF AS LITTLE PUBLICITY AS POSSIBLE WERE GIVEN THE MATTER, AND ASKED THAT USG OFFICIALS REFRAIN FROM PUBLIC OR OTHER COMMENTARY TO THE EXTENT THEY COULD.

5. ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER IMMEDIATELY AND EXPRESSED REGRET FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE OR EMBARRASSMENT CAUSED GOODYEAR OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES. KISSINGER

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